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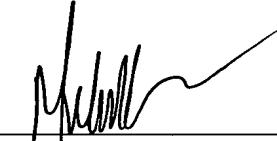
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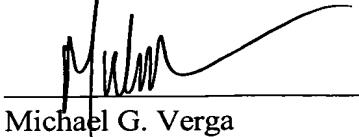
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Title

Method and apparatus for sealing a lumen in an electrode assembly

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